

ABSTRACT

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ADJUSTING FLEXIBLE AREAL POLYMER
IMPLANTS**

5 A minimally invasive approach to adjusting the amount of support on an anatomical structure. The methods and apparatus described include the use of a tape for supporting an anatomical structure. Adjustment may be achieved by use of bulking agents applied either directly to the site or into a containment device
10 located within proximity of the tape and such that it works in conjunction with the tape to support the anatomic structure. An alternative approach utilizes mechanical means for adjusting the effective length of the supporting arms of the tape used to support the anatomical structure.
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